## FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF

## ERVEN 10653/4, 3988, 6991 AND REMAINDER OF ERF 4195 GQEBERHA

## WITHIN

## NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| ECDOT | Eastern Cape Department of Transport |
| :--- | :--- |
| GLA | Gross Leasable Area |
| HCM | Highway Capacity Manual |
| LOS | Level of Service (as defined by Highway Capacity Manual) |
| NA | Not Analysed |
| NMBM | Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality |
| ped | pedestrian |
| SIDRA | Software for the design and evaluation of traffic/ pedestrian intersections |
| TIA | Traffic Impact Assessment |
| veh/h | vehicles per hour |

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

### 1.1 Introduction

Emonti Consulting Engineers CC was approached to prepare a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) for the proposed rezoning, consolidation and subdivision of the following properties: Erven 10653/4, 3988, 6991 and Remainder of Erf 4195, Gqeberha - situated within the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM) area. The property is commonly known as the Arlington Race Course.

According to South African Traffic Impact and Site Traffic Assessment Manual, Volume 1, commonly referred to as TMH16 (Reference Four), a TIA must be undertaken when:
i. An application is submitted for a change in land use, and
ii. The highest total additional hourly vehicular trip generation (including pass-by and diverted trips) as a result of the application exceeds 50 trips per hour.

Both these conditions are met with this application and therefor the need to undertake this TIA in support for the proposed rezoning, consolidation and subdivision of the said development. It should be noted that the required town planning applications for the various land-use changes will be submitted to the relevant department/s for official endorsed/approved by Council. Should the applications materially change during the submission process, for whatever reason, the TIA will be amended accordingly to take into account any such material changes that could impact on the proposed development from a traffic engineering perspective.

Following the investigation and study, recommendations regarding site access from the public road network, road network improvements, internal site layout, traffic safety, on-site circulation, parking and any loading facilities, will be made.

The approach and methodology followed in conducting this study were in terms of the references included in Chapter Ten.

### 1.2 Proposed development

The site is located in Walmer, a suburb situated within the NMBM area. A site locality map can be seen in Figure 1.1.

The current use of the site, coupled with the existing structures found thereon, generate very limited trips for the peak hours.

The proposed development comprises a multi-use development comprising social housing, retail, offices, warehousing, service industry, education, open space, road way, and will commonly be referred to hereafter as "the site" and/or "the development".

The proposed land uses of the development are given in Table C. 1 in Appendix C. The proposed site layout is illustrated in Figure 1.2.

## 2. EXISTING OPERATING CONDITIONS

### 2.1 Intersection control

Control strategies at the existing intersections relevant to this study are presented in Table 2.1.
Table 2.1: Control strategies

| No. | Intersection | Control |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Genadendal Road/Buffelsfontein Road |  |
| 2 | Glendore Road/Unnamed Road |  |
| 3 | Victoria Drive/Glendore Road | Traffic circle |
| 4 | Victoria Drive/DR01908 | Traffic signals |
| 5 | Buffelsfontein Road/Victoria Drive |  |

The following photographs reveal a number of intersections that will be utilised by traffic generated by the development.


Genadendal Road/Buffelsfontein Road intersection


Victoria Drive/Glendore Road intersection


Glendore Road/Unnamed Road intersection


Victoria Drive/DR01908 intersection


Buffelsfontein Road/Victoria Drive intersection

### 2.2 Capacity along access roads

Victoria Drive, also referred to as the M18 and/or MR00421, is a main road and provides access to the M9 (Buffelsfontein Road) in the north and to Marine Drive in the south. From on-site observations sufficient spare capacity appears to exist along the road network to cater for the medium to long term future regarding anticipated traffic growth, including future trips relating to this development. This will however be analysed and commented on later in this report.

The development is of a magnitude that suggests that a pavement assessment be conducted to determine the structural integrity of the existing roads.

### 2.3 Traffic calming

Traffic calming, in the form of a speed hump, exists along Glendore Road just north of the proposed western access to the site. The posted speed limit is $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. From on-site observations the vehicular speeds passed the proposed western access, are in excess of the posted speed limit.

In additions, raised pedestrian tables and a traffic circle exist at the Victoria Drive/southern access (DR01908) intersection. As a result of the traffic calming, the observed vehicular speeds in the vicinity of the traffic calming rarely exceed the posted speed limit.

The following photographs depict the traffic calming measures discussed.


Speed hump along Glendore Road


Traffic circle, with raised pedestrian tables, at the Victoria Drive/DR01908 intersection

### 2.4 Pedestrian and cycle facilities

No cycle facilities are currently available on the surrounding road network. However, limited formalised pedestrian facilities are currently available. These include the raised pedestrian tables at the Victoria Drive/DR01908 intersection and surfaced sidewalks along the DR01908 as illustrated below.


Raised pedestrian crossings at the Victoria
Drive/DR01908 intersection


Surfaced sidewalk along the DR01908

### 2.5 Public transport facilities

Formalised public transport facilities are currently available on the surrounding road network. These include the taxi/bus bays in the vicinity of the Victoria Drive/DR01908 intersection.


Victoria Drive/DR01908 (westbound) public transport facility


Victoria Drive/DR01908 (eastbound) public transport facility

The diagram hereafter illustrates the Western Suburbs IPTS Routes (Full Contract Area). The development will be serviced by routes 452 and 453 (Reference Seven).


Western Suburbs IPTS Routes (Full Contract Area)

## 3. EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES

In order to establish the current traffic conditions relevant traffic count information was used. This traffic count information is available in Appendix D .

Table 3.1 provides a summary of the traffic count information utilised in this study.
Table 3.1 Traffic count data used

| No. | Station | Data Type | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Genadendal Road/Buffelsfontein Road | 12 hr manual unclassified traffic volume | 21-Jul-22 |
| 2 | Victoria Drive/Glendore Road |  |  |
| 3 | Victoria Drive/DR01908 |  |  |
| 4 | Buffelsfontein Road/Victoria Drive |  |  |

The analysis of current traffic performance is based on the observed traffic data that, when necessary, have been adjusted and smoothed in order to represent a balance network of traffic volumes for 2022. The balanced peak hour traffic flow volumes are displayed as network diagrams in Figures 4.1 to 4.5 .

## 4. FUTURE TRAFFIC VOLUMES

For purposes of this study it was assumed that the development will be functional in 2022 and therefore a design horizon of five years (i.e. 2027) was used for the future operational LOS analysis.

In terms of COTLO (Reference Four) an assessment must be undertaken for the hours during which the combined effect of background and development traffic will result in the highest traffic demand." In this regard, most of the proposed land uses have their peak traffic volumes being a week day AM and PM peaks, except for the relatively small retail component. Before choosing the weekday AM and PM as the critical peaks, a check was undertaken on the trip generation for a Saturday (i.e. the time when retail has the highest trip generation). Please refer to Table C. 1 in this regards. The proposed development is expected to generate in the order of 1130, 1310 and 880 new trips in each of the AM, PM and SAT peaks respectively. When adding these to the current traffic in those peaks, the critical peaks remain the weekday AM and PM. It was for this reason that the SAT peak was not analysed any further. A typical day, in this case a Thursday was counted for a 12 hour period. This included both the AM and PM peaks. A typical day is normally a Tuesday or Thursday, but Mondays and Wednesday could also be used.

The recommended critical peak hours for analysing retail developments are weekday PM and SAT peak hours and weekday AM and PM peak hours for most other land uses. In this study the analyses were made for both the future weekday AM and PM peaks to address anticipated capacity problems in the peak hours most relevant to the development. The trips generated for the SAT peak were lower than the weekday PM peaks and were therefore not analysed further.

It is acceptable to project future traffic volumes by taking the recorded growth history of traffic counts into consideration. The generally accepted growth rate in the study area is 3\% per annum. Applying the growth rate of $3 \%$ from the base year to the design horizon year the growth factor would be 1.16, meaning an increase in background traffic volume of $16 \%$ over the five year design horizon.

According to Table 4.1 (Reference Five), this can be regarded as a "low to average growth area".

Table 4.1: Typical traffic growth rates

| Development Area | Growth rate |
| :--- | :---: |
| Low growth area | $\mathbf{0 - 3 \%}$ |
| Average growth area | $\mathbf{3 - 4 \%}$ |
| Above average growth area | $4-6 \%$ |
| Fast growing area | $6-8 \%$ |
| Exceptionally high growth area | $>8 \%$ |

For the future scenario analysis the current traffic volumes were maintained as background traffic and increased by an annual growth factor. New trips relating to the proposed development were added to obtain the future estimated traffic volumes for 2027.

### 4.1 Traffic generation

The recommended vehicle trip generation rates (as per References One and Four) for the land uses listed in Table C. 1 were used to calculate the estimated number of trips for the various peak
hours in order to determine the critical peak hour. Note the values used are based on Reference Four.

The recommended vehicle trip generation rates were then adjusted to take into account site specifics. The following factors, amongst others, were considered when making the trip generation adjustments:
i. public transport,
ii. predicted car ownership, and
iii. land use mix.

The following is a motivation as to the use of the trip generation adjustment/reduction factors.

## Vehicle ownership and transit availability

The trip generation rates provided in TMH 17 (Tables 3.1 and 3.3 ) are applicable to areas with high vehicle ownership and where a low level of transit (public transport) service is provided. For other areas, a lower trip generation rate can be expected. Trip reduction factors that can be used for such developments or areas are provided in TMH 17 (Table 3.2). These factors can be applied to reduce the trip generation rates.

Typically, the vehicle ownership in areas with high levels of vehicle ownership varies between one to two vehicles per household. In areas with a low level of vehicle ownership, the majority of households (more than 50\%) does not own a vehicle and relies on public transport for transportation. In areas with very low level of vehicle ownership, nearly all households (i.e. more than $90 \%$ ) do not own a vehicle and rely on public transportation. As this development caters for social housing, is can be concluded that the area will remain a low car ownership area. This is similar to other social housing developments.

Although it would be ideal for car ownership to increase in these areas as residents become more financially well off, it is extremely unlikely that the car will rise beyond $50 \%$. It is therefore considered that these areas will remain as low level of vehicle ownership areas.

The reduction factors provided in the table are those that are considered reasonable for low vehicle ownership areas and areas with a high level of transit services. The factors have been established considering current trip generation rates in the different areas. It is unlikely that the trip generation rates will remain at current low levels, but at the same time it is also unlikely that the rates will grow to those in high vehicle ownership areas. The reduction factors provided in the table provide for some reduction in trip rates, but not to the levels currently being experienced (i.e. the author of the THM 17 are being conservative).

The transit reduction factors provided in Table 3.2 (TMH 17) are applicable to developments that are located within a reasonable walking distance from a major transit node or stops on a major transit corridor. For this development, it will be serviced by IPTS routes 452 and 453 (Reference Seven). It should therefore be considered as a major transit corridor and thus qualifies for this reduction.

## Mixed-use development

Mixed-use developments are defined as developments in an area that consist of two or more single-use developments between which trips can be made by means of non-motorised modes of transport (such as walking). This has the net effect of reducing the vehicle trip generation in the area.

The mixed-use reduction factors provided in TMH 17 (Table 3.2) may be applied, subject to the following two conditions:
a) the mixed-use developments must be located within a reasonable walking distance from each other, and
b) the mixed-use reduction for a development may not exceed the available multiuse trips generated at the other adjacent or nearby developments.

This development is a multi-use development and therefore this reduction applies for this development.

Based on these factors trip reductions, as illustrated in Table C.1, were assumed. The recommended in/out split for the peak hours can be seen in Table C. 1 which also shows details of trip generation calculations for the various peak hours.

Further, for business developments, the trip generation and assignment depends on whether the trips are primary, diverted, pass-by or transferred. Based on the current traffic volumes on the adjacent roads and road network, pass-by and transferred trips have been considered and the resultant volumes are regarded as new trips as reflected in Table C.1.

From Table C. 1 it can be seen that the PM peak hour, in terms of trips generated, is greater than the AM peak hour for a regular week day. When the projected future traffic volumes and predicted traffic generated are added together, the combined effect does not change the critical peak period which remains the AM peak hour.

The following are the scenarios that were analysed, where necessary:
i. existing 2022 critical peak hour traffic,
ii. existing 2022 critical peak hour traffic with development traffic,
iii. projected 2027 critical peak hour without development traffic, and
iv. projected 2027 critical peak hour with development traffic.

### 4.2 Trip assignment/distribution

The generated trips, as identified in Section 4.1, have been distributed to the road network manually, based on the principles of the gravity model and taking into account knowledge of local conditions, Reference Five.

The resultant trip assignments are illustrated as network diagrams in Figures 4.1 to 4.5 for the various scenarios and time horizons tested.






## 5. INTERNAL CIRCULATION AND PARKING

### 5.1 Internal circulation

The internal circulating network proposed is shown in Figure 1.2 and the recommended layout in Figure 5.1. Minor changes to improve the overall efficiency of the development, as listed below, have been included in Figure 5.1.
i. public transport,
ii. disabled parking bays,
iii. loading bays,
iv. control strategy, and
v. traffic calming.

It would be advisable for the Developer to plan, design and build the internal layout to a standard acceptable by the municipality in order to allow for accessibility of service and emergency vehicles, etc. The layout, as recommended in Figure 5.1, should meet these requirements and provides acceptable internal circulation.

### 5.2 Parking and loading facilities

Refuse loading will occur near the main accesses to the development and other loading associated with deliveries, removals etc. will occur from the dedicated load bays indicated. All parking and loading requirements are to be catered for on the individual sites.

In terms of the Port Elizabeth Zoning Scheme Regulations (Reference Eight), the required minimum parking and loading bays are as set out in Table C.1. It is expected that the area will be serviced by a large percentage of public transport vehicles.

It is therefore proposed that the parking requirements be reduced as follows:

| $\underline{\text { Size of flat }}$ |  | Parking requirement |  | Proposed departure |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

i.e. reducing the visitors bays from 0,5 to 0,2 per flat in each instance. This is similar to other Social Housing Complexes, e.g. Walmer Link, Fairview Link and Willowdene. This proposed reduction will require the necessary departures to be formalised. This formal application for a parking reduction is being undertaken as a separate process by the Town Planner for the proposed development. Should this departure application not be successful, then the developer will amend the SDP to reflect the required number of parking bays as per Reference Eight. Note that the actual visitors bays provided equates to 0.43 per unit (see Table C.1).

It is also requested that the parking provision for the commercial components of the development be adjusted for the provision of public transport, the percentage of patrons expected to walk between the residential and commercial sections, and the mixed use nature of the development. Based on the above the Developer should approach the Municipality, via the same parking departure application process, to reduce the required number of parking bays for the commercial components as indicated in Table C. 1 by providing bicycle bays and taxi bays (with one taxi bay being equivalent to 6 standard bays) in lieu of some standard parking bays.

## 6. ACCESS PROPOSALS

### 6.1 Vehicular access

The proposed primary access (western access) to the site is onto Glendore Road, with a proposed secondary access (southern access) onto Victoria Drive via the DR01908. The positions of the proposed primary and secondary accesses to the site are shown in the photographs below.


The intersection sight distance for turning manoeuvres associated with the specific posted speed limit of $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ and the site gradients experienced are approximately 150m. Both approaches on Glendore Road and Victoria Drive at the proposed primary and secondary accesses respectively, meet this minimum requirement.

It is important to ensure that the western access be located directly opposite the Unnamed Road.

### 6.2 Pedestrian and bicycle access

Pedestrian and bicycle access to the site is via the proposed accesses.
Due to the location and nature of the development it is expected to generate local pedestrian traffic and the appropriate pedestrian facilities have been recommended as listed below:
i. surfaced pedestrian sidewalk along the internal roads within the development,
ii. surfaced pedestrian sidewalk along the western side of the DR01908 between end of the existing sidewalk and the southern access, and
iii. strategically located raised pedestrian table along the internal road network and at the internal and external proposed traffic circles.

### 6.3 Access control

The development indicates that the internal roads will be zoned private. The proposed access controls are illustrated in Figure 1.2. The proposed positions of the access controls should provide security to the development while keeping the relevant road network open to traffic. The proposed positions have been determined assuming the use of a swipe magnetic card and manual recording
system for residents and visitors respectively, with one entry lane and one exit lane, Reference Five. Table 6.1 was used to calculate the positions of the access controls.

Table 6.1: Access control stacking distance and number of lanes


No access control is proposed for the commercial components of the development.

## 7. ANALYSIS RESULTS

Tables 7.3.1 to 7.3 .3 contain a summary of the SIDRA analysis results. More detail may be viewed in Appendix B. This includes all aspects of the input data used in the analyses including items such as lane configuration, control strategy, etc. The colour coding used in the graphic representations found in Appendix B is explained in Table 7.1.

Table 7.1: SIDRA LOS colour codes

| Colour | Rating | Level of Service |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Used in displays |  | Control delay, LOS |
| Green | Excellent | LOS A |
| Light blue | Very good | LOS B |
| Dark blue | Good | LOS C |
| Magenta | Acceptable | LOS D |
| Orange | Poor | LOS E |
| Red | Very poor | LOS F |

The presented Level of Service (LOS) results are based on control delay and are illustrated in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2: Level of service definitions - HCM Method

| Level of Service | Control delay per vehicle in seconds (d) <br> (including geometric delay) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Signals and roundabouts | Stop and yield |
| A | $\mathrm{d}<=10$ | $\mathrm{~d}<=10$ |
| B | $10<\mathrm{d}<=20$ | $10<\mathrm{d}<=15$ |
| C | $20<\mathrm{d}<=35$ | $15<\mathrm{d}<=25$ |
| D | $35<\mathrm{d}<=55$ | $25<\mathrm{d}<=35$ |
| E | $55<\mathrm{d}<=80$ | $35<\mathrm{d}<=50$ |
| F | $80<\mathrm{d}$ | $50<\mathrm{d}$ |

Note: Above Tables 7.1 and 7.2 and explanation courtesy of Reference Three.
Tables 7.3.1 to 7.3 .2 contain a summary of the SIDRA analysis results as undertaken at the various intersections, where Table 7.3.3 shows the control types assumed for the analysis for the various scenarios.

From the results it is clear that while the two peak periods test similarly, the current critical peak hour is the AM peak hour. On completion of the development the AM peak hour remains the more critical in terms of volume and LOS at intersections.

The anticipated impact of the proposed development varies depending on the road segment under review. From the SIDRA analyses results, together with on-site observations, the following road segments require mentioning and are displayed in Figure 7.1. Note that due to the size of the site, a separate A1 sized SDP is herewith attached to provide more details to the proposals as indicated in Figures 5.1 and 7.1.

Table 7.3.1 Intersection Level of Service (AM) peak

|  |  | A-C | D | E | F | NA |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | Intersections | Level of Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $2022 \mathrm{AM}_{\text {status que }}$ |  | $2022 \mathrm{AM}_{\text {develop. }}$ |  | 2027 AM option 1 |  | $2027 \mathrm{AM}_{\text {option } 2}$ |  | $2027 \mathrm{AM}_{\text {option } 3}$ |  |
|  |  | APPR. | INTERS. | APPR. | INTERS. | APPR. | INTERS. | APPR. | INTERS. | APPR. | INTERS. |
| 1 | Genadendal Road/Buffelsfontein Road | C | B | NA | NA | F | D | B | A | C | B |
| 2 | Glendore Road/Unnamed Road/Access Road | NA | NA | NA | NA | C | B | A | A | NA | NA |
| 3 | Victoria Drive/Glendore Road | NA | NA | NA | NA | B | A | B | A | A | A |
| 4 | Victoria Drive/DR01908 | NA | NA | NA | NA | C | A | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 5 | Buffelsfontein Road/Victoria Drive | F | F | NA | NA | F | E | D | C | NA | NA |

Table 7.3.2: Intersection Level of Service (PM peak)


Table 7.3.3: Intersection control type

| No. | Intersections | Intersection control type |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $2022{ }_{\text {status }}$ quo | $2022{ }_{\text {develop. }}$ | 2027 option 1 | 2027 option 2 | 2027 option 3 |
| 1 | Genadendal Road/Buffelsfontein Road | Priority/stop | NA | Priority/stop | Traffic circle | Traffic signals |
| 2 | Glendore Road/Unnamed Road/Access Road | NA | NA | Priority/stop | Extra lanes | Traffic circle |
| 3 | Victoria Drive/Glendore Road | NA | NA | Priority/stop | Traffic circle | NA |
| 4 | Victoria Drive/DR01908 | Traffic circle | NA | Traffic circle | NA | NA |
| 5 | Buffelsfontein Road/Victoria Drive | Traffic signals | NA | Traffic signals | Extra lanes | NA |

Note: LOS is indicated per approach and per intersection. Movement LOS are reflected in Appendix B.
According to Reference Four, the primary study area is the area from which transportation elements are selected for the TIA.

The elements to be included in the primary study area shall be selected as follows:
i. Accesses to the site. All accesses (vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist) to the site. Such accesses are also included in the study area of Site Traffic Assessments.
ii. External roads. These roads shall be restricted to Class 4 and 5 roads in the vicinity of the development up to the first Class 1 to 3 roads that can be reached by the Class 4 and 5 road network from the development, up to and including the first connection(s) on the Class 1 to 3 roads.

The elements shall be restricted to those within a maximum distance of 1.5 km from the accesses to the site, measured along the shortest routes to the accesses, provided that there is at least one intersection within this distance. Where there is no such intersection, the distance will be extended to include at least one intersection.

Currently the Buffelsfontein Road/Victoria Drive intersection and the Genadendal Road/ Buffelsfontein Road intersection are 2.4 km and 3.5 km respectively away from the accesses to the
development, with a number of intersections between the development accesses and these intersections. Under normal circumstances these two intersections would be excluded from the impact of traffic generated by this development. However, these two intersections will be used by traffic from the development to gain access to the broader road network. They have therefore been analysed in this report.

## Victoria Drive/DR01908 intersection

Based on traffic volumes this intersection does not require any upgrading.

## Glendore Road/Unnamed Road/Access Road intersection

This intersection currently operates at an acceptable LOS as a priority/stop controlled intersection. However, from a safety perspective, it is advisable to introduce a traffic circle at this intersection.

Further, it is important that the intersection be located directly opposite the Unnamed Road to the west of Glendore Road.

## Victoria Drive/Glendore Road intersection

Similarly to the Glendore Road/Unnamed Road/Access Road intersection, this intersection currently operates at an acceptable LOS. The introduction of a traffic circle will be beneficial for traffic safety at this intersection.

## Genadendal Road/Buffelsfontein Road intersection

This intersection currently operates at an acceptable LOS. However with the increase in traffic from the development an alternative form of control is recommended. Three alternatives were considered here, i.e. priority/stop control with extra lanes, traffic signals with extra lanes and a traffic circle.

The stop/priority control did not operate at an acceptable LOS. However, both the traffic signals and traffic circle options produced acceptable improvements to the LOS. As most of the intersections along Buffelsfontein Road are currently traffic signal controlled, it is recommended that traffic signals, with additional auxiliary turning lanes, be introduced.

## Victoria Drive/Buffelsfontein Road intersection

This intersection currently operates at a poor LOS and requires changes in order to improve the LOS. The situation worsens when the traffic generated by the development is added to the intersection.

Here additional lanes are to be introduced in conjunction with traffic signal phasing and timing changes.

## Public transport bays

Due to the location and nature of the development it is expected to generate public transport. It is essential for public transport bays to be introduced, together with the associated pedestrian facilities. It is therefore recommended that two public transport bays be constructed, one on both of the exits to the Glendore Road/Unnamed Road/Access Road intersections, as well along Victoria Drive at the Victoria Drive/Glendore Road intersection. Internal public transport embayments and parking bays are also proposed as illustrated in Figure 5.1.

## Traffic calming

Currently the Victoria Drive/DR01908 intersection has raised pedestrian tables on all approaches to the traffic circle. These raised tables improve the safety for both the vehicles and pedestrians making use of the traffic circles. It is therefore recommended that raised pedestrian tables be introduced on all the approaches to the proposed traffic circles. This applies to traffic circles both internally and externally to the site.

## Limited access

It is essential to ensure that no vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian accesses are permitted onto Glendore Road other than at the proposed access. It is therefore recommended that a suitable barrier be erected to prohibit such access. In this regard, an adequate pedestrian and vehicle proof fence/wall is to be erected along the property boundary with Glendore Road.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

Following the investigation and analysis it is concluded that:
i. The current operating conditions on the road network within the study area are found to be acceptable with no LOS or capacity failures, except for the Victoria Drive/Buffelsfontein Road intersection.
ii. The posted speed limit of $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ along both Victoria Drive and Glendore Road, in the vicinity of the site accesses, is appropriate for the current and expected future traffic conditions.
iii. The existing critical peak, in terms of traffic volume, was found to be the AM peak hour while the PM peak hour tested similarly but with marginally lower demands.
iv. Once developed and fully occupied, the proposed development may be expected to generate in the order of 1130 and 1310 new vehicle trips in AM and PM commuter peak hours respectively. This is considerably higher than the estimated 880 new trips in the SAT peak.
v. The combined critical peak hour of existing and development trips is found to be the $A M$ peak hour.
vi. The network is not overloaded when development trips are assigned for any of the given tested peak hours, subject to the recommended road network improvements being undertaken.
vii. The proposed changes to the layout and road network, as shown in Figures 5.1 and 7.1 respectively, adequately serve the proposed development.
viii. The development is of a magnitude that suggests that a pavement assessment be conducted to determine the structural integrity of the existing roads.

## 9. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the investigation and conclusions it is recommended that:
i. This Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) be submitted to the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM) and the Eastern Cape Department of Transport (ECDOT) for their perusal.
ii. The development proposal, that is the proposed rezoning, consolidation and subdivision of the following properties: Erven 10653/4, 3988, 6991 and Remainder of Erf 4195, Gqebera, as submitted and reflected herein, being approved in principle from a traffic impact perspective by the NMBM and the ECDOT. Once the comments are received from the ECDOT, these comments will be forwarded to NMBM for consideration.
iii. The site layout changes, as shown in Figure 5.1, being made a condition of approval. The required internal road network improvements to be made by the development are as follows:
a. parking layout,
b. disabled parking bays,
c. loading bays,
d. control strategy, and
e. traffic calming.
iv. The road network improvements, as listed below and shown in Figure 7.1, to being made a condition of approval. It should however be noted that these improvements may change subject to subsequent investigations in consultation with the road authority. The required public road network improvements to be made to accommodate the development are as follows:
a. The construction of a traffic circle at the Glendore Road/Unnamed Road/Access Road and Victoria Drive/Glendore Road intersections.
b. Traffic signals, with additional turning auxiliary lanes, being introduced at the Genadendal Road/Buffelsfontein Road intersection.
c. The construction of additional lanes, together with changes to the traffic signal phasing and timing, being implemented at the Victoria Drive/Buffelsfontein Road intersection.
d. The construction of two public transport bays, one on both of the exits to the Glendore Road/Unnamed Road/Access Road intersections, as well along Victoria Drive at the Victoria Drive/Glendore Road intersection.
e. Construction of raised pedestrian tables on all the approaches to the proposed traffic circles.
f. An adequate pedestrian and vehicle proof fence/wall being erected along the property boundary with Glendore Road.
g. Construction of surfaced pedestrian sidewalk along the internal roads within the development.
h. Construction of surfaced pedestrian sidewalk along the western side of the DR01908 between end of the existing sidewalk and the southern access.
i. Construction of strategically located raised pedestrian table along the internal road network and at the internal and external traffic circles.
v. Parking and loading bays being provided as per Table C.1. This is subject to a successful parking departure application. Should the parking departure application not be successful, then the parking is to be provided as per Reference Eight, i.e. Port Elizabeth Zoning Scheme Regulations. This will require the SDP to be amended accordingly.
vi. The developers civil engineer responsible for the roads, undertake the necessary pavement assessment on the surrounding road network. The findings of the assessment must be forwarded to the NMBM for consideration.
vii. All costs associated with the internal roads, as indicated in Figure 5.1, being solely to the Developer's account.
viii. All costs associated with the recommendations, as listed in "iv", being solely to the Developer's account. It is however suggested that the Developer approach the NMBM to determine whether they would consider a contribution towards the cost of improvements to the Victoria Drive/Buffelsfontein Road intersection as this intersection is currently operating at a poor LOS without the development trips being taken into consideration.

It should be noted that all figures represented in this Traffic Impact Assessment are concept drawings only and are not to be used for construction purposes. These concept drawings are to be developed into engineering drawings by the Developer's appointed civil engineer. The engineering drawings are then to be approved by the relevant road authority officials prior to construction.


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APPENDIX A

FIGURES






## APPENDIX B

SIDRA INTERSECTION LOS RESULTS

Figure B.1.A: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.1.B: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.1.C: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.2.A: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.2.B: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.3.A: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.3.B: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.3.C: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.4.A: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.5.A: Level of Service (LOS)


Figure B.5.B: Level of Service (LOS)


## APPENDIX C

LAND USE, TRIP GENERATION, PARKING AND LOADING

Table C.1: Land use, trip generation, parking and loading


APPENDIX D
TRAFFIC VOLUMES





